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The meeting was called to order at 8.15 p.m.

OTHER MATTERS (continued) (DP/1991/L.10)

1. The PRESIDENT said that, after the consultations held by the delegations on the draft decision in document DP/1991/L.10 concerning the arrangements for the venue of the Governing Council, the following draft decision had been formulated:

"The Governing Council

"Decides to review the issue of the venue of sessions of the Governing Council at its organizational meeting to be held in February 1992 and further decides to include in its provisional agenda of that meeting an item entitled 'Arrangements for the Governing Council: venue'."

2. If there were no objection, he would take it that the Governing Council adopted the draft decision.

3. It was so decided.

ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (DP/1991/BFC/L.2/Add.1; annexes to DP/1991/BFC/L.2/Add.2-5 and DP/1991/BFC/L.3)

4. Mr. KRAMER (Canada), Chairman of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, said that one of the most important subjects before the Committee had been the budget estimates for 1991 and the biennium 1992-1993, which had been thoroughly discussed in formal and informal meetings. Obviously there had been differences of opinion, but thanks to the flexibility, the spirit of cooperation and the professionalism of the members, an agreement had been reached.

5. Miss CUAYO (Philippines), Rapporteur of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, said that the final report of the Committee would be issued in document DP/1991/71, the recommendations submitted to the Council for consideration were set forth in the addenda to document DP/1991/BFC/L.2, and most of the approved amendments to the recommendations of the Committee were in document DP/1991/BFC/L.3. As the Committee had entrusted her with the task of finalizing the summary report of discussions based on inputs received from delegations and agreed upon informally, she requested authorization to incorporate into the final text of the report the amendments recently made to recommendations in documents DP/1991/BFC/L.2/Add.3 and 5 and the amendments to the record of discussions just mentioned, and to introduce all the recommendations of the Committee together, as a whole.

(Miss Cuayo, Philippines)

6. Having obtained the consent of the Council, she outlined the content of documents DP/1991/BFC/L.2/Add.1 to 5 and DP/1991/BFC/L.3. She explained that the decision in document DP/1991/BFC/L.2/Add.5 included the posts which the Budgetary and Finance Committee had agreed on for incorporation into the administrative budget of UNDP for the Humanitarian Programmes Support Unit. Finally, she added that documents DP/1991/43 to 46 had also been taken into account.

7. The CHAIRMAN said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the recommendations of the Budgetary and Finance Committee as submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

8. It was so decided.

9. Mr. AL-FAIHANI (Observer for Bahrain) said that his delegation wished to reiterate its reservations concerning certain paragraphs which would have future implications in the decisions to be adopted by the Budgetary and Finance Committee in connection with the budget estimates for the biennium 1992-1993.

10. Mr. SALES (Mozambique) said that the recommendations in paragraphs 7 and 8 of document DP/1991/BFC/L.2/Add.2/ANNEX should by no means be interpreted to mean that the activities of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries would cease. On the contrary, the recommendations should be interpreted in the light of the relevant resolutions analysed by the Drafting Group and soon to be submitted to and adopted by the full Council.

ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (DP/1991/SCPM/L.4, L.5 and L.6)

11. Mr. GATHUNGU (Kenya), Vice-President of the Governing Council and Chairman of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, presented the Committee's report (DP/1991/SCPM/L.4). The Standing Committee had held 10 meetings during the current session of the Council and had concluded its deliberations early in the day with the adoption of his report which reflected the exhaustive deliberations of the Standing Committee on the items of its agenda including the country and intercountry programmes of UNFPA and UNDP which had been submitted for the consideration of the Standing Committee. The report consisted of a narrative section and a section containing the recommendations. It had also introduced some amendments to the narrative section which had been distributed to the members of the Council in a separate paper.

12. The Standing Committee recommended the Council to adopt four draft decisions: draft decisions I and II which appeared in chapter VIII of the report under the headings "United Nations Population Fund" and "Country, intercountry and global programmes", respectively; draft decision III which appeared in document DP/1991/SCPM/L.5 under the heading "Evaluation", and

(Mr. Gathungu, Kenya)

draft decision IV, in document DP/1991/SCPM/L.6 under the heading "Implementation of evaluation recommendations". As a result, section II of draft decison II, in document DP/1991/SCPM/L.4, had been withdrawn.

13. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should consider the draft decisions submitted by the Standing Committee for Programme Matters in paragraph 127 of document DP/1991/SCPM/L.4 and in documents DP/1991/SCPM/L.5 and DP/1991/SCPM/L.6. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt those draft decisions.

14. It was so decided.

15. Mr. KIRDAR (Secretary of the Governing Council) informed the Council of the progress of the work of the Drafting Group and outlined the draft resolutions adopted by the Group. With regard to the questions raised by several delegations concerning the timetable for the submission of country programmes to the Governing Council, he remarked that between 21 June 1991 and the month of June 1993 a total of 141 programmes would have to be adopted: 22 in February and 89 in June 1992; and 21 in February and 9 in June 1993.

The meeting rose at 9 p.m.